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SUMMARY: RUMORS OF PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
(PMAC) REORGANIZATION HAVE BECOME REALITY, WITH DECEMBER 29  
PMAC PROCLAMATION DEFINING ITS OWN POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
AS WELL AS THOSE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. PROCLAMATION REAFFRIMS  
PMAC DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP WILL BE ALONG MARXIST-LENINIST PRIN-  
CIPLES. SELF-DEFINED AIM OF NEW ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENT IS TO  
SPELL OUT PMAC RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRENGTHENING AND COORDINATING  
PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLU-  
TION PROGRAM. NEW PMAC WILL CONSIST OF CONGRESS TO INCLUDE ALL  
PMAC MEMBERS, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF 40 MEMBERS CHOSEN FROM PMAC  
CONGRESS, AND STANDING COMMITTEE OF 17 MEMBERS ELECTED  
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FROM PMAC CONGRESS. TWENTY-FOUR ARTICLE PROCLAMATION ISSUED  
DEFINING POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONGRESS, CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE, AND STANDING COMMITTEE. PROCLAMATION ALSO ES-  
TABLISHES SEPARATE PMAC OFFICE AND INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
REGULATIONS. POWER OF STANDING COMMITTEE TO BE DERIVED FROM  
DIRECTIVE OF PMAC CONGRESS AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE. STANDING

COMMITTEE POWERS TO INCLUDE CONDUCT OF NEARLY ALL AREAS OF DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES. STATEMENT DEFINES POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PMAC CHAIRMAN, FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF CONGRESS AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. STATEMENT CONCLUDES PMAC HAS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE MASSES ALONG CORRECT SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST LINES AND HAND OVER POWER TO WHOM IT BELONGS- THE PEOPLE. END SUMMARY:.

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 30, PMAC CONGRESS EMPOWERED TO RATIFY ETHIOPIA'S BASIC ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, DEFENSE, JOINT DEFENSE, AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, TO AUTHORIZE PROCLAMATIONS SUBMITTED TO IT DECLARING WAR, MARTIAL LAW, AND NATURAL DISASTERS, TO CONFIRM OR COMMUTE DEATH SENTENCES, TO COMMUTE PUNISHMENTS, TO ISSUE DIRECTIVES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS, TO DECIDE ON AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORTS, TO DECIDE ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SERIOUS MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS OF PMAC, AND TO APPOINT AND DISMISS THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF PMAC.

2. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENTRUSTED WITH COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP OF COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF PMAC CONGRESS AND RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTRY'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL POLICIES AND SUPERVISION OF STATE SECURITY AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS TO SAFEGUARD COUNTRY'S UNITY. CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS POWER AND AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON OFFICIAL VISITS AND SIMILAR DIPLOMATIC DUTIES, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND LOANS, GOVERNMENT DECISIONS ON INCOME REVENUE AND TAXATION AND PROMOTION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS.

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3. POWERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE WHICH DERIVED FROM AUTHORITY OF PMAC CONGRESS AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

- A. COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF CONGRESS AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
- B. ISSUE DIRECTIVES TO POLITICALIZE, ORGANIZE, AND EQUIP MASSES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS TO ACHIEVE GOALS OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION,
- C. HEAD AND SUPERVISE PROVISIONAL OFFICE FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (POMOA),
- D. DECIDE ON STATEMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MASS MEDIA ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT,
- E. HEAD AND SUPERVISE COUNTRY'S DEFENSE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES,
- F. APPROVE DECISIONS REFERRED TO IT BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND SUPERVISE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL DIRECTIVES OF PMAC CONGRESS AND CENTRAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES, WHICH COME WITHIN ITS RESPONSIBILITIES,
- G. DECIDE MOVEMENT OF ARMED FORCES OTHER THAN ROUTINE

DAILY ACTIVITIES,

H. DECIDE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC, CULTURAL,  
AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND EX-  
CHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (SIC), AS WELL AS FOLLOW-UP  
DAY-TO-DAY DIPLOMATIC TASKS AND RELATIONS,

I. FOLLOW CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS FOSTERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF BROAD MASSES AND EXPANSION OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,

J. ENSURE STANDING COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT THROUGH  
PMAC MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO GOVERNMENTAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES,

K. SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS ON ITS ACTIVITIES TO PMAC CONGRESS  
AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

4. PMAC CHAIRMAN POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE BEING  
HEAD OF STATE AND RECEIVING FOREIGN GUESTS, AMBASSADORS, AND  
DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS. CHAIRMAN TO PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS OF  
PMAC CONGRESS, CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND STANDING COMMITTEE, AS WELL  
AS CONVENE DEFENSE AND SECURITY COUNCIL. HE TO SUPERVISE IM-  
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IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THESE BODIES AS WELL AS  
COUNTRY'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL POLICIES. HE TO  
APPROVE DECISIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND OVER-  
SEE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. HE WILL BE COM-  
MANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES, INSURE PEACE AND SECURITY OF  
MASSES, AND MAINTAIN COUNTRY'S UNITY. HE WILL HAVE AUTHORITY

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TO APPOINT HIGH OFFICIALS AND TO PROMOTE OFFICERS.

5. PMAC FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN WILL ASSUME PMAC CHAIRMAN'S ROEL IN ABSENCE CHAIRMAN. HE WILL ALSO BE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND IMPLEMENT DECISIONS OF PMAC CONGRESS, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE WILL SUPERVISE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECISIONS AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, TAKING NECESSARY ACTION ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THESE AGENCIES. HE WILL ENSURE THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' FUNCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND THAT COUNCIL'S SECRETARIAT IS PROPERLY RUN BY SECRETARY-GENERAL. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' CHAIRMAN WILL HAVE OWN SECRETARIAT.

6. PMAC SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN WILL ASSUME ROLE OF FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN IN LATTER'S ABSENCE AND HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING MATTERS WHICH AIM TO POLITICIZE, ORGANIZE, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ARM MEMBERS OF PEOPLE'S MILITIA. HE WILL PRESENT SECURITY MATTERS "EMANATING FROM BELOW" TO STANDING COMMITTEE. HE WILL SUPERVISE VARIOUS AUXILIARY SECTIONS ATTACHED TO PMAC OFFICE.

7. PMAC SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL CHAIR MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEE IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN AND FIRST AND SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN AND ASSUME ROLE OF SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN IN THIS ABSENCE. HE WILL BE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PMAC CONGRESS AND CENTRAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES. HE WILL SUPERVISE PMAC SECRETARIAT AND MANAGE ITS BUDGET. HE WILL COORDINATE AND PRESENT ALL MATTERS ADDRESSED TO PMAC TO EITHER STANDING OR CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR CONGRESS DEPENDING ON NATURE OF BUSINESS. HE IS TO ENSURE DECISIONS OF THESE THREE BODIES ARE TRANSMITTED TO PERTINENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY.

8. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO CONSIST OF MINISTERS AND HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS DESIGNATED BY PMAC. ITS MEMBERS HAVE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL COUNCIL DECISIONS. COUNCIL WILL HAVE OWN PROCEDURAL RULES AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCUSSING AND RESOLVING ALL ISSUES REACHING THEM. COUNCIL DECISIONS ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, BUDGET, ORGANIZATION OF MINISTRIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AS WELL AS STATE POLICIES AND OTHER CRUCIAL ISSUES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PMAC THROUGH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN. OTHER COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVES OF CONGRESS, WILL BE TO COORDINATE FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES; ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS AND DECREES; TAKE MEASURES TO GUARANTEE PUBLIC SECURITY, PEACE, AND NATIONAL UNITY; MAINTAIN COUNTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS; AND SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS TO HEAD OF STATE. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL HAVE ITS OWN STANDING AND PROVISIONAL COMMITTEES AS WELL AS OWN SECRETARIAT TO BE DIRECTED BY A SECRETARY GENERAL.

9. MINISTERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY PMAC TO CARRY OUT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION PROGRAM. MINISTERS WILL BE EMPOWERED TO CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND TO DISPENSE BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS. THEY ARE TO SUBMIT PLANS AND PROGRAMS TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AS WELL AS REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES. THEY ARE ALSO TO SUBMIT DRAFT LAWS TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THEIR ASSIGNED DUTIES. AS IN PAST, PERMANENT SECRETARY WOULD ACT ON BEHALF OF MINISTER IN LATTER'S ABSENCE.

10. NEW PROCLAMATION REPLACES REVISED PROCLAMATION NO. 2 OF 1974 DEFINING POWERS OF PMAC AND PMAC CHAIRMAN AS WELL AS PROCLAMATION NO. 1 OF 1942 DEFINING POWERS AND DUTIES OF MINISTERS AS REVISED, INCLUDING ARTICLES ONE THROUGH FOURTEEN.

11. STATEMENT CONCLUDES BY REITERATING MAIN OBJECTIVES NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION (NDR) PROGRAM, ADDING NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR IMPLEMENTING NDR PROGRAM'S OBJECTIVES. PMAC AGAIN PRAISES ITSELF FOR DEFENDING INTERESTS OF BROAD MASSES AGAINST FEUDO-BOURGEOISE ELEMENTS OF DISCREDITED REGIME. PMAC REASSERTS IT HAS ASSUMED FULL CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTING AND SPEARHEADING ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND IS FULFILLING ITS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY OF PREPARING MASSES BEFORE IT CEDES POWER TO THEM.

12. COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEMBER.  
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